

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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**MEDIATION QUESTIONNAIRE**

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9th Circuit Case Number(s): 13-17132

District Court/Agency Case Number(s): 3:12-CV-03288-WHO

District Court/Agency Location: U.S. District Court for Northern California, San Francisco

Case Name: Teixeira, et al. v. County of Alameda, et al.

If District Court, docket entry number(s) of order(s) appealed from: 58 (including 37 and 56)

Name of party/parties submitting this form: All Plaintiffs and Appellants

Please briefly describe the dispute that gave rise to this lawsuit.

Certain of the Plaintiffs decided to open a gun store in Alameda County and located a space that would serve that purpose. Thereafter, they were informed that certain fairly new zoning ordinances restricted the areas in which gun stores could be operated. Plaintiffs found a space for their store, but there was a dispute about whether it met the requirements of the new zoning ordinance. Even so, the zoning board approved Plaintiffs' application. An untimely appeal was then filed by a local association. It was sustained by the County Boards of Supervisors. Plaintiffs sued to enforce their rights, including their rights as protected under the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

Briefly describe the result below and the main issues on appeal.

The proceedings below primarily involved a motion by the Plaintiffs for imposition of an injunction and two motions to dismiss filed by the Defendants. The first motion to dismiss was granted with leave to amend at the same time that Plaintiff's motion for an injunction was denied. The Defendants' second motion to dismiss was granted without leave to amend and judgment was entered in accordance with the decision. The overriding issue in this appeal is whether the Second Amendment protects Plaintiff's right to open a gun store.

Describe any proceedings remaining below or any related proceedings in other tribunals.

None.

Provide any other thoughts you would like to bring to the attention of the mediator.

Based upon the stridency of the Defendants' positions, as well as what the Plaintiffs see as clear error, it does not appear that there is any middle ground upon which the parties might reach a settlement. Moreover, this case is one in which Plaintiffs seek to have Defendants (and other governmental authorities) respect Second Amendment rights. Defendants seem adamantly opposed to recognize Second Amendment rights. As such, Plaintiffs see no hope for any settlement.

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## CERTIFICATION OF COUNSEL

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Signature s/ Charles Hokanson

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Counsel for Plaintiffs and Appellants

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